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In the woods

Participants at the Winter in the Woods Kids' Camp at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre run outside during a break on Wednesday, Jan. 2. See more photos on page 3. / DARREN LUM Staff

Province reviewing municipal funding

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The Ford government is conducting a review of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, which provides annual funds to municipal governments, as it seeks to decrease the provincial debt.

In a letter to heads of municipal councils dated Dec. 21, finance minister Vic Fedeli explains the process the province is

undertaking.

"Ernst and Young, who conducted a line-by-line review of Ontario's spending, confirmed in its report *Managing Transformation – A Modernization Action Plan for Ontario* that the growth in transfer payments and other provincial supports are key contributors to the province's mounting debt," the letter reads. "Getting this spending under control is why we are undertaking a detailed review of all transfer payments, including those to municipalities. We must continue to support municipalities in a way that is sustainable

and responsible. To achieve this, we are reviewing the OMPF – which is why details of OMPF allocations will be released later than in past years.

"We will be looking to you, our municipal partners, to help us with the challenge that lies ahead – as we look to drive efficiencies and value-for-money in all of our transfer payments, including the OMPF," Fedeli's letter continues. "While we all will be operating within a smaller funding envelope, we want to work with you to return the program to what it was initially intended to do – sup-

port the northern and rural municipalities that need it the most."

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt told the *Times* that while seeking to reduce the provincial debt can surely be viewed as a positive step, people need to realize that the process may have ramifications for municipalities, ramifications that could manifest themselves in property tax increases.

"One would read that letter and say, thank goodness the province is doing their line-by-line review and getting their financial house

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Funding may not be changed if county considered 'rural'

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in order,” Moffatt said. “You have to look at it from both sides.”

Property taxes are the central revenue vehicle for municipalities. If municipal governments are to absorb a funding cut, Moffatt said, councils essentially have two ways of dealing with it: a reduction in services, or an increase in property taxes.

In 2018, total OMPF payments to municipal governments in Haliburton County – including its four lower tiers, and the upper tier of the county itself – totalled more than \$7 million.

Minden Hills’ OMPF allotment was \$1.73 million; Highlands East’s \$1.9 million; Dysart et al’s \$1.8 million; Algonquin Highlands’ \$1.26 million; and the upper tier of the county received \$334,00 in its OMPF allotment.

Throughout the province, municipalities received a total of \$510 million in OMPF allotments in 2018.

OMPF payments are for general assistance and not tied to any particular purpose, and are used to offset operating and capital expenses.

Making reference to the so-called “common sense revolution” of the Mike Harris government, which saw responsibilities such as social services and housing downloaded to municipalities as the province sought to lighten its books, Moffatt said, “We’ve seen that movie before, and we know the ending. And it’s not a happy ending.”

In the case of Algonquin Highlands, for example, an increase of \$52,000 in the municipality’s budget translates to a tax rate increase of one per cent.

“They do make a good point about bringing the funding program back to what it was supposed to be,” Moffatt said, in reference to the

letter’s indication that program was initially meant to assist northern and rural municipalities – essentially equalization payments for poorer local governments.

If the county’s townships are considered “rural” by the province, then it’s possible there may not be much of a change in the level of funding.

“At this point, the ministry indicates that they will undertake a review and reallocation of the funds with a focus on support for rural and northern municipalities, so it is hard to say what changes we will actually realize in terms of reduced OMPF dollars,” Dysart et al CAO Tamara Wilbee wrote in an email to the *Times*. “Hopefully that will become apparent very soon.”

Councils in the county work to expand its seasonal economy, attract new residents and grow the community. So, in that way, as Haliburton County transitions out of a largely seasonal economy, it may cause complications when it comes to receiving funding assistance.

“The less rural we become, the less eligible we become for rural funding streams,” Moffatt said.

On the same day Fedeli’s letter was issued, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario responded with a statement on “financial risks for property taxpayers and municipal budgets.”

“AMO’s advice to the new government has been to take a comprehensive approach rather than a ministry funding line review and to consider the cumulative financial impact of how any decisions affect the cost and delivery of frontline services,” the statement reads. “A comprehensive approach is the only way to understand how provincial decisions affect municipal governments. It is unclear if this advice is being taken or not. We

also advised the Ministry of Finance to offer a status update on the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF). That advice was taken. Today the Ministry of Finance sent a letter to heads of council and treasurers advising that the OMPF will be reduced by an unspecified amount and allocation notices for 2019 will be delayed.”

This delay, the AMO indicates, will make it difficult for municipal councils, who normally find out what their OMPF allotment is going to be prior to the budget year, to do their 2019 budgeting.

“In recent years, the provincial government has announced OMPF allocations in the year prior,” the statement reads. “This practice facilitated local budget development and council approval for the year ahead. Councils cannot make accurate 2019 spending decisions without this information. As a result, council budget planning will be delayed. If allocations to municipalities are reduced, councils

will need to compensate with property tax increases or local service reductions in 2019.”

Fedeli’s letter to heads of council acknowledged the AMO.

“As part of the OMPF review, we will seek your feedback on how to best renew the program,” it reads. “We will work through AMO and the recently signed joint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This agreement is a foundation of our relationship. The AMO MOU table has been an important forum for discussing and receiving your input on financial matters. I also understand that there has been a staff working group that has provided valuable feedback on the OMPF in the past. Ministry officials have been asked to engage with the group early in the New Year.

“Again, we want to provide you with the 2019 OMPF allocations as soon as possible. We are working to complete the review early in 2019.”

Handlen trial wrapping up

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

June of 1995.

The trial involved the showing of a video of Handlen taken by undercover police officers, and according to Global News, that video shows Handlen saying, “I think I strangled her, but I’m not sure,” after describing grabbing a girl off her bicycle.

“I just grabbed her,” Global reports Handlen as saying in the video. “Threw her bike in the lake, grabbed her, took her in the camper and went up the hill.”

A spokesperson for the B.C. Supreme Court told the *Times* that legal counsel was making their final submissions this week, with the judge expected to give his charge to the jury on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Handlen pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder.

The murder trial of one-time Minden resident Garry Handlen was wrapping up in B.C. Supreme Court this week.

Handlen, who was living on Minden’s Anson Street at the time, was arrested in November of 2014, in connection to the killings of two British Columbia girls in the 1970s.

The trial, which began in late October, centred on the murder of Monika Jack, a 12-year-old girl who went missing near Merritt, B.C. in May of 1978, and whose remains were found by foresters some 17 years later, in

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The art of winter holidays

A boy works on a landscape felted creation during the Winter in the Woods Kids' Camp on Wednesday, Jan. 2 at the Minden Hills Museum at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Participants created artwork such as felted landscapes and felted zipper pulls. The holiday week programming from Jan. 2 to 4, also included candle making, potato printing, soap carving and making and playing spoons. / DARREN LUM Staff



Eight-year-old Zach Prentice is a study of focus, as he works on his landscape felted piece.



Minden MiniMakers explore 3D vision

Ryan Miller-Anderson, 10, of Minden shows off the glasses he created on Jan. 4 using a 3D pen, while Sierra Miller-Anderson and Jayla Marchand work on their own projects behind him. Ryan was participating in a winter break MiniMakers session at the Minden library. Afterschool Minimakers activities which might include 3D pens, robotics or circuitry are available free of charge, with the next dates for the program in Minden being Jan. 23, Feb. 6 and Feb. 20 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



The Minimaker sessions are usually offered after school, but winter break programming at the library offered kids the chance to get out of the house and be creative with tools they might not have at home.

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Jan 24 - 9:00 AM, Combined COTW/Council Meeting
Jan 24 - 9:00 AM, Budget Deliberations

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of January, July, August and December.

NOTICE – 2019 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence its 2019 Budget deliberations during its Regular Council Meeting scheduled for January 24, 2019.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.
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Three customized ice huts on the frozen lakeside of the Bonnie View Inn will be filled with art for a unique Ice Cube Gallery event being held Feb. 9 and 10. The event will also include local food and beverages, a DJ spinning vintage vinyl and a bonfire and ice skating. / Submitted

Artists prepare pop-up gallery on frozen lake

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

No matter what you might have seen in a fishing hut before, fish stories aside, you likely haven't seen anything like this.

Three customized huts standing on the ice of Lake Kashagawigamog will house contemporary art installations by four local artists at an event called Ice Cube Gallery on Feb. 9 and 10, providing for a unique experience for event

attendees in the form of a pop-up art gallery on a frozen lake.

"We've been playing with the idea for a couple of years, and finally decided, yeah, we'll take a chance and do it, and then it just exploded really quickly," said Collin Burke, creative director of the Ice Cube Gallery. He is co-organizing the event with Daniel Manley, Toronto-based designer Patrick Lightheart and local artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward. "The idea took off, people said yes and liked it, Haliburton tourism came on board ... now we just have to build the ice huts."

Burke said the idea came to be while he was at a social

gathering with friends Blundell and Ward.

"We were talking about looking at old ice huts and how cool they looked out on the lake," said Burke. The idea to host art installations on the ice, alongside food and drinks and merriment, became a pop-up art gallery that can one day involve numerous artists – this year, it launches with three huts and four artists.

Acclaimed and award-winning artists participating in the first event are Rod Prouse, a well-known painter from Midland who teaches at the Haliburton School of Art + Design; conceptual sculptors Chris Hanson and Hendrika Sonnenberg of Minden whose body of work is internationally recognized; and Victoria Ward, a local painter and writer from Highlands East who has had exhibitions across the country and in the United Kingdom.

At this year's weekend event, hosted on the lake in front of Bonnie View Inn on Kashagawigamog Road, local food tastings will be provided by Rhubarb and Bonnie View Inn while a patio ice bar will be hosted by Bonnie View Inn and music will be provided by Daniel Manley of Russell Red Records, who plans on spinning vinyl for guests. The event focuses on the art, with the artists available for questions or discussions at their huts, but also entices guests to enjoy the location at an ice skating pond and bonfire.

"Each of the artists, and I know they all have different ideas of what they're going to do inside, but there's no limitations on what they can do on the interior," said Burke. "It could be visual, it could be art, it could be installation pieces, it could be theatre, it could be anything, within the confines of a small little hut."

Burke said there was great potential for the event to become an annual gathering.

"We started talking, and meeting with Amanda [Virtanen, county tourism director] and said, you know, this event could really take off over the next two or three years if we have success, because next year we hope to have maybe 15 huts and 15 different artists and local food involved and create a little village on the lake ... and turn it into an even bigger event that could grow."

Burke said he lives on Lake Kashagawigamog himself and can imagine a village of huts lit up at night, with a fish fry and local beer and visitors partaking in all of it.

"Eventually, imagine 20 huts or 30 huts, it could be a real installation piece on the lake," said Burke.

Bonnie View Inn is located at 2713 Kashagawigamog Lake Road. For more information about the Ice Cube Gallery, which takes place Feb. 9 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Feb. 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., visit the Ice Cube Gallery Facebook page at facebook.com/icecubegallery/ or on Instagram at @icecubegalleryhaliburton. For information on overnight accommodation at the Bonnie View Inn, call 1-800-461-0347.

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Peter and Paul

JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS, heads of municipal councils throughout Ontario received a letter from finance minister Vic Fedeli, informing them the province is undertaking a review of the funding it provides to municipalities.

Actually, it is undertaking a review of all transfer payments the province provides, including those to municipal governments. In particular, it is reviewing the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, which gives annual financial allotments to municipalities with no strings attached; money they use to offset operating and capital costs, thus helping to mitigate property tax increases.

Municipalities are constrained in the revenue-generating tools available to them, property taxation being the central one. There

are other, much lesser means such as various fees and charges by which municipalities generate their own funds, but property taxes are the main vehicle. When municipal governments encounter funding cuts from above, councils are faced, really, with only two choices – increase property taxes, or reduce services in some way.

It makes sense the Ford government wants to reduce provincial spending. Few would try to argue that, at more than \$300 billion, Ontario's debt is not out of control. And any government wants to be able to proclaim that it has eliminated the deficit or reduced the debt. However, this is often accomplished by passing the cheque to a level of government on the next rung down the ladder. Former Premier Mike Harris did this in the 1990s, balancing the province's books by downloading billions of dollars' worth of responsibility –

social services, housing, transit, etc. – to the province's municipal governments.

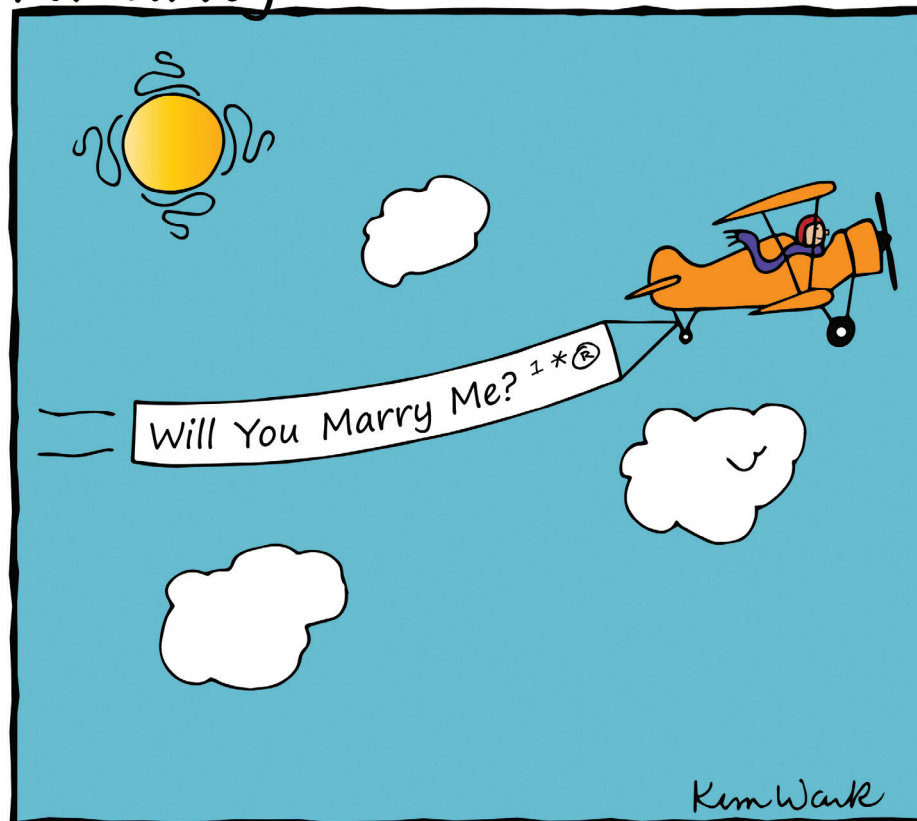
And make no mistake; municipalities are the bottom rung of the ladder. While the province may use fuzzy phrases such as "municipal partners" as Fedeli did in his letter, the reality is municipalities are wholly and completely creatures of the province. They have zero constitutional authority, deriving all of their power directly from the province, to which they are subservient. Ultimately, the provincial government will do what it wants. Look no further than Ford's halving of Toronto council before last year's municipal election, which was simply a shrewd display of power.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

A reduction of the OMPF will impact municipal budgets, possibly quite substantially, depending upon the size of the decrease. In Haliburton County, the four lower tiers and the upper tier of county itself received a combined total of more than \$7 million from the OMPF in 2018. Minden Hills, for example, received about \$1.7 million, Algonquin Highlands \$1.2 million. For small municipalities with small budgets, these are large sums of money. If a substantial drop in OMPF allotments creates a shortfall, to whom do you think that shortfall will fall?

You guessed it, folks, you and me – the property owner, the taxpayer. As the old adage goes, there is only one taxpayer. It's the proverbial robbing of Peter to pay Paul. While the provincial government may decrease its expenditures and improve its books, that is likely to ultimately manifest itself in property tax increases throughout Ontario.

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Great creek crossings I have known

ALTHOUGH ALMOST ANY outdoors activity can turn into a highly entertaining spectator sport, there is nothing I like to watch more than the run of the mill creek crossing attempt. Just the thought of a good one makes me smile.

A creek crossing, of course, should not be confused with a river crossing which typically requires a boat, bridge or ford.

In stark contrast, a good creek crossing is actually crossable without these things, but only if you have the balance of a billy goat, legs that span the creek or the engineering skills to make a working catapult.

Creek crossings come in several varieties.

The first is the basic rock path. This, as any inveterate creek crosser knows, is the most insidious.

Basically, you look at the creek and see several boulders protruding above the water like a path that seems to span from bank to bank.

The first few steps are always easy. But as you get to the middle of the creek, also known as the point of no return, you soon realize that a) you are standing on a very small, unsteady rock that seems to be coated with something slightly slicker than Teflon, and b) to step onto the next rock you are going to have to do the kind of splits Olympic gymnasts train years for.

Also, turning back is not an option, since your last step caused the previous rock to roll a few more inches away.

The second variety of crossing, which I truly enjoy, is the slick log. In my estimation, the slick log has done more

for birth control than all other methods currently utilized. That's because when a man falls off a slick log there is a law of physics that ensures each foot will fall off a different side of it.

I'm no expert on these things by any means, but I can tell you there is a slick log in the vicinity just by the noise that accompanies an unsuccessful crossing, which many people confuse for a wolf howl or a distant fire truck siren.

The third type of creek crossing is the run of the mill beaver dam. This should

also be called the beaver's revenge, since each step is a trip hazard. The thing that makes these crossings so entertaining is that no one ever falls in on the shallow side.

Also, it's fun to watch someone who is flailing grab sticks that are unattached to the dam in an effort to hold on. I think it is the moment the look of relief is replaced by sheer panic that gets me

most. Hilarious.

All of these things are made even better by ice, by the way.

Winter also provides the last great creek crossing option – one that most people refer to as the thin ice gambit. You see ice span that narrowest part of a creek and you say to yourself, "If I run across that ice, I'll slide into the far bank before it collapses. It's not that far..."

But, in my experience, the far bank is always farther than you think.

That's why for me, in winter, creek crossings are a spectator sport only.

Unless I am with someone who has the engineering skills to construct a really good catapult.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

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Columns and Letters to the Editor

What will 2019 bring?

THE NEW YEAR OPENED with so many questions:

Will the global economic turmoil become a recession? Will western Canadian oil be given a stable delivery system to world markets where it can be sold for true market value? Will the trend to populace politics create more chaos? Will Pinocchio Trump move from the White House to a U.S. penitentiary?

The list is lengthy, but the most important question in my mind is what will happen with the weather. Opinions range from “global warming is a China-inspired hoax” to “the world will dry up and blow away within the next 30 years.”

The best way to find an answer to the weather question is to look for facts. I am aware that looking for facts is considered old-fashioned these days, but I still find it helpful.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

First, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) recently reported that the last four years of global temperatures have been the hottest on record. Also the 20 warmest years on record all occurred in the last 22 years.

October just passed was the 406th consecutive month in which global temperatures were above normal. There is no official final data for November yet, but it appears that it too will be above average, making it the 407th consecutive month.

That means that anyone under 33 years old never has experienced a cooler-than-average month of global temperatures.

So what's ahead for 2019 weather? Some scientists are concluding that this year will be the hottest ever recorded in human history.

The U.S. Climate Prediction Centre says there is an 80 per cent chance that a full-fledged El Niño already has begun and will last at least until the end of February. El Niño is a weather phenomenon in which parts of the Pacific Ocean warm and cause weather chaos, including a warmer-than-usual winter in much of Canada.

The documented trend to warmer world temperatures combining with an El Niño is the reason why some science professionals say this year will be the hottest ever.

More warmth is something the world does not need.

Rising temperatures have increased droughts, wildfires, and more violent weather in general. The World Meteorological Organization reports 70 tropical cyclones or hurricanes during 2018, far above the annual average of 53.

These violent weather events cause agricultural losses, which are followed by malnutrition, then large migrations of people seeking more stable living conditions. These migrations create moral and political quandaries – do you build walls and pens to keep displaced people off your turf, or do you work to fix the things causing them to be displaced?

Newspapers and television news shows have been filled with reports of weather disasters in recent years. Most of them have been in far off places like Europe, California, and the U.S. south. But we are seeing weird weather changes – although not as violent or dramatic – right here at home.

The past fall and current winter in Haliburton have been among the most bizarre in memory. There was some precipitation – rain or snow – on 27 of 30 days in November and 24 of 31 in December.

December had rain on 10 days, almost double the average for that month.

There have been eye-popping temperature anomalies as well.

Temperatures in November ranged from minus 26 Celsius to plus 14. December temperatures ranged from minus 24 to plus nine.

The wild temperature swings have continued into the New Year. Already this month we have seen a couple lows in the minus 20s and three or four days above freezing.

Weather ups and downs are not unusual. We've seen them before in the Haliburton-Muskoka region. However, looking at data from the last 10 years, there is evidence that our climate is changing.

The first effects of changing climate are being seen by skiers, snowboarders, snowmobilers and others who enjoy winter sports.

How climate change will affect other seasons remains to be seen. The wild winds, droughts and fires seen in other parts of the world would be a serious threat to our most important natural resource – our trees.

This week at a lake just south of Minden I saw a soft maple budding. Budding in mid-winter is unhealthy and a sign that all is not right in the natural world.

letters to the editor

Arena proposal inadequate

To the Editor,

After attending the open house information meeting in Minden on Dec. 17, I am a very frustrated taxpayer. This was the first official outline of the new community centre I have had the opportunity to see first hand. I was advised the decision was made to make the multi-purpose gym smaller to help pay for a larger 200-foot ice surface. I have been playing seniors hockey for years and never knew the old 185-foot surface was so inadequate. I'm sure most of the under 12-year-old hockey players did not know either. My point is if the larger ice surface is best, fine. But why should the most important room in the facility to me, be downsized?

This room could be used for basketball, volleyball, badminton, floor hockey and many other uses by all age groups if in its original larger size. Fenelon Falls community room even has an easy-to-assemble stage. When involved as a convenor in past Senior Games, a lack of proper facilities was a major problem in our area. We all know how beneficial large events like this can be to our

communities. Instead now the room is down to three pickleball/badminton courts. If our mayor saw the number of pickleball players trying to participate in Minden he would know a three-court facility would be inadequate even before completion.

Having been involved in several clubs trying to utilize local school gymnasiums I know first hand how frustrating and unsuccessful this can be further emphasizing the need for this type of facility.

This last minute change was done to keep the present estimated cost of the project under an arbitrary number of \$12 million. We all know the final cost will be higher despite promises. Now as a member of the largest and fastest growing demographic group (seniors), a taxpayer in Minden for over 30 years, I will not get a facility that will be great for the future. Please don't build me an inadequate, limited use facility and then force me to pay for it.

David Lear
Minden

Concerns with arena project

To the Editor,

Mr. Ingram has brought up some very disturbing features of this new arena and revitalized community centre (“Rink about it,” Minden Times, Dec. 20). Parts of it are not the correct size? One bidder? Is there no other company that can build this? God knows how other larger buildings get constructed. It is a sad day when there is only one company that can build this building in Ontario.

There is a major problem with this project. Does one really think the final cost is just \$12 million? They haven't put a shovel in the ground and costs are up \$2 million!

Then the other major problem, the majority of taxpayers will never use this project. Yeah, I'm talking about those pesky seasonal taxpayers, the ones who are like mosquitoes coming up in May and leaving at the end of summer. Causing traf-

fic, busy stores, having people working on their place, getting their water toys out of local businesses, getting the toys serviced and putting the toys back in storage in the local businesses, taking up the seats in local restaurants and paying the majority of taxes.

But what really gets my blood pressure up is when I ask the township to maintain their road I get the answer “sorry we have no money, you have to maintain it yourself.”

So if one believes the idea of “build it and they will come” they're unrealistic. Because if I cannot get out of my road, I not coming.

Food for thought and wishing everyone a Happy New Year and please coexist.

Charles Gerdtschke
Moore Lake

Thank you, Minden

To the Editor,

Thank you, thank you. You did it again. This community continues to support the Minden Christmas Basket Program beyond our expectations. Your kindness, your assistance, your donations, and your volunteering was awesome.

You helped make Christmas so much better for many people in our community.

We wish everyone a wonderful 2019.

Ron Reid
Christmas Basket committee

Quit smoking and you could win money

The Wouldurather contest (www.wouldurather.ca) is open to young people in Ontario between the ages of 18 to 29 who regularly smoke, only smoke socially, have stopped smoking, or never smoked in their lives. As the contest name implies, participants are asked if they would rather reduce smoking or win cash prizes.

People only have until Jan. 27 to register for the Wouldurather contest, which runs over six weeks (Jan. 28 to March 10). There are four categories to enter:

Quit For Good: Quit smoking completely and have a chance to win \$2,500.

Keep The Count: Cut smoking by half to be eligible to win \$1,000.

Party Without The Smoke: Cut out smoking while drinking or partying for a chance

to win \$500.

Don't Start and Win: Stay smoke-free for an opportunity to win \$250.

People can register with a “buddy” who can support them during the contest. Additional quit-smoking resources are also available for participants in the Wouldurathercontest, including access to no-cost nicotine replacement therapy (patch, gum).

January is a perfect time to quit smoking, since National Non-Smoking Week (Jan. 20-26) and Weedless Wednesday (Jan. 23) both occur this month. Wouldurather is organized by Leave the Pack Behind, a program funded by the Ontario government that helps young people become tobacco-free.

Submitted by HKPR Health Unit

Minden Christmas bird count reveals extraordinary results

by ED POROPAT
Special to the Times

The 52nd annual Minden Christmas Bird Count was held on Saturday, Dec. 15 in pleasant, mild, partly sunny conditions. The count area consists of a standardized 24km diameter circle, roughly centred on the village of Minden. The goal of the event is to count as many species and individuals within the circle in a 24-hour period. This data, when combined with the other 2,000-plus counts that occur in North America, provide invaluable information about bird movements and population trends.

As predicted, overall numbers were down this year due to the lack of seed crops across the region. Despite that, 24 field observers and 33 feeder watchers recorded a total of 45 different species within the count circle. This is about average in number over the past 10 years. The total number of individuals (3,089), however, was well below the 10 year average of 3,919 birds.

There were several highlights during this year's count. A single adult Golden Eagle was observed near South Lake. These birds are rare winter visitors to the Haliburton region, not nearly as common as the Bald Eagle. Waterfowl were generally scarce this year due to the early freeze up. Despite this, a few interesting species lingered in the area. A Common Loon was observed fishing along the edge of the ice in Sandy Bay on Gull Lake. Also present were a lone Red-necked Grebe, and a drake Ring-necked Duck, both only the fifth ever recorded on the count. All of these birds usually depart in the late fall, heading to the open waters of Lake Ontario, or beyond.

The winter finches were well represented in 2018 but the numbers varied widely. With no cones available to feed on, Purple Finches were non-existent this year. The smaller finches such as Pine Siskins (1) and American Goldfinches (5) were quite rare also. A few Common Redpolls remained (21), but many simply flew through the county in search of a more consistent food supply, like birch catkins. Both Pine and Evening Grosbeaks, however, were present in good numbers. It's nice to see decent numbers of Evening Grosbeaks (321) in the area, after many years of being quite scarce. A single Red Crossbill and only one Snow Bunting were recorded on count day. Sparrows such as American Tree Sparrow (6) and Dark-eyed Junco (11) were both rare this winter, again due to the lack of food in the woods.

Rock Pigeons seem to be doing well with a record count of 260 recorded. Also, more Barred Owls (4) seem to be around this winter, tying the previous record for the most seen in a day. They are appearing frequently around bird feeders, hunting for the rodents that come to feed on the fallen seeds. Linger American Robins (2) seem to be surviving on the good crab apple crop this year. A Red-bellied Woodpecker observed in Minden was only the second ever recorded. This is a species that is steadily expanding its range in Ontario, so we expect to see more on future counts.

Two species were recorded this year on the count that had never been seen in the previous 51 years. A Long-eared Owl, a rare raptor in the region, was heard calling near Minden in the pre-dawn hours of the count. Even more exceptional was the hummingbird observed in Kinmount in the early morning by two field observers. The



Long-eared Owl: a new species for the Minden Bird Count. Photo by Ed Poropat

sighting was so remarkable, given the late date and cold early winter temperatures, that both were rightly skeptical of their split second observation. It simply couldn't be!

Three days later, a feeder watcher on Davis Lake observed a female hummingbird hovering at her front window for about 10 seconds. How this bird managed to survive is a mystery. Was it roosting at night near a porchlight giving off ambient heat? Was it feeding on spiders, insects, old nectar in hummingbird feeders left outside after autumn passed? Whatever the story, that is one tough bird! Sadly, female hummingbirds are notoriously difficult to identify to species, especially without good photographs. At

least 12 species breed in Canada/U.S.A., and other Mexican species also show up occasionally. Based on the description provided, this individual was likely a vagrant (not our typical Ruby-throated Hummingbird that is present during our summer). Previous records in Ontario during the late fall and winter also suggest this probability. Let's hope this little gal found her way south to warmer climes.

Thanks so much to the many participants in this year's Minden Christmas Bird Count. With your assistance, we continue to provide a snapshot of how healthy our bird populations are in Haliburton County, and across North America.



Red-necked Grebe. Photo by Ed Poropat

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MNRF withdraws support of fish hatchery egg collection

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association is hoping the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will revisit its decision to cease its assistance in an egg collection program that supplies eggs for the Haliburton Fish Hatchery.

The ministry has helped with the effort for the entirety of the hatchery's existence, or just more than 20 years, but the association was recently informed that assistance would stop. The hatchery stocks the county's lakes with thousands of fish each year.

"They provide the knowledge, and they

provide the equipment," said HHOA president Larry Hewitt, explaining that equipment includes large boats and specialized netting. "The whole system."

Hewitt told the newspaper the process is not a large draw on the ministry's resources.

"It's only two days a year, for a couple of people," he said. "Dollars and cents-wise, it's not a big thing."

Fish grown in the hatchery have a much better chance of surviving than those in the wild.

One of the species produced in the hatchery is the Haliburton Gold lake trout, an ice-age species of fish that exists in just a few of the county's lakes and has been designated as a heritage species. According to the HHOA,

in the wild, only one or two per every 1,000 eggs will survive to become a trout measuring eight inches in length, while in the hatchery, some 650 per every 1,000 eggs will accomplish the same feat.

Along with its stocking activities, the association provides tours of the hatchery to the public – "We encourage people to come in and learn about the life cycle of fish," Hewitt said – and educational information for anglers. For instance, while early in the year only about 20 per cent of trout caught are likely to be female, by September, about 80 per cent are likely to be. Obviously, removing too many females from area lakes can be detrimental to the local fish stock.

If the MNRF does not reconsider, then Hewitt said the association would need to fundraise for a new boat suitable for egg collection, and other equipment.

"It's forcing us to go beyond where we want to go," he said, reiterating the association is run by volunteers.

"If we don't have eggs, we can't raise fish," he said.

The association intended to send corre-

spondence to Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, who is also a cabinet minister in the Ford government.

The *Times* asked the ministry if his was a province-wide directive or local decision within the Bancroft District of the MNRF, and why the decision had been made.

"To bring consistency in the ministry's approach to wild egg collections in support of the Community Hatchery Program administered by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Bancroft District staff will be transitioning the responsibility of the Haliburton Gold lake trout egg collections to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association fish hatchery starting in the fall of 2019," reads a response from MNRF communications staff. "MNRF will continue to support the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association in building their knowledge and capacity consistent with the approaches of other community hatcheries so that they can fully take on this role next year by conducting the egg collections themselves or contracting out the working under a licence from the ministry."



Capturing the icy landscape

Andy Nesbitt, a passionate amateur photographer, enjoys his time off work on Wednesday, Jan. 2 photographing the frozen Twelve Mile Lake. Nesbitt was looking to photograph landscapes and capture close-up details. He knows the area well, growing up locally and graduating from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in the mid-1990s. /DARREN LUM Staff



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How this relates to leasing vs. financing is how long it takes for something to be considered out of date. It used to just be the style of a vehicle, and a manufacturer could safely allow five-plus years before the market would demand a redesign. Now looks are still important but what the vehicle is capable of, or in many cases compatible with, is even more important. This is the deciding factor behind the ownership cycle for most buyers.

Leasing has been out for a few decades now but in the past was very poorly administered, very few qualifying questions were asked to buyers, and the pros and cons were not explained in enough depth. This mainly due to lack of knowledge on the industry's behalf. We at Curry's focus on making sure we provide detailed quotes with all the information needed by the customer to know exactly what they are getting into. Details like residual value, interest rate, kilometres per year allowed, and all the available insurances to help protect the customer from unexpected wear and tear charges upon the vehicles return.

But the disclosure of all of the items above only helps if the right questions have been answered first. Does the client know how many kilometres they will drive per year? Is there any potential for changes to job location, travelling for sports and activities, or new additions to the family? These can all have dramatic impacts on whether a lease is a right choice among others that often come up during the purchase interview. For example, questions like these will allow us to show if a customer implies they drive 40-50,000 kilometres a year then a lease may not be the best-suited option.

To look at the numbers side of things it is virtually

impossible to compare one lease vs finance to another as each vehicle has its own incentives, purchase prices, and residual values. The myth that leasing is always cheaper sometimes surprises our customers when we present both options and they learn that the lease can actually be higher per month in some cases. Traditional finance is very straight forward, you have a purchase price, and then there is the typical fees like licences and HST that are added. You then decide on the term and apply the provided interest rate to reach the payment. This is still the largest form of automotive purchases in Canada by over 50% for individual reasons. Ownership always tops the list, however there are also customers that like to reach full equity in their vehicles and some even enjoy no payments for a time following the end of the loan.

How leasing can appeal to some is when we start to look at the time between vehicle purchases, depreciation factors, and future maintenance and repairs. With leasing, you are only making payments on the difference between the purchase price and the residual price, which is the fixed purchase option at lease end. Then the taxes are calculated on the payment only, not the entire purchase price. This allows the payments to be taken over a shorter term, allowing the customer to upgrade sooner. Factors like depreciation also don't become as important. The residual is pre-determined, giving the customer peace of mind that exchange rates on the Canadian dollar won't affect their life cycle or if they are involved in an accident and there is an insurance claim on the car or truck, they do not have to assume the loss in equity due to lower wholesale values. In some cases I have even had customers pay a higher monthly payment to have a guaranteed end date, if they are on a contract with their job or they have children leaving for College or University. Needs change so it helps them plan better, leaving less to think about in their busy lives.

This is a very brief introduction to the lease vs finance conversation and is not by any means meant to sway someone's decision one way or the other but more to suggest an in-depth look at what they are expecting from their vehicle, how long they plan to keep it and what they plan on using it for. My best suggestion is to sit down with a sales and leasing consultant and just go through the exercise, it may surprise you what you find.

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2018 Year in Review



Ice racing competitors take a turn, as spectators watch the action from a snowbank during the opening weekend of the weekly racing series, the Subaru Ice Racing Championship at the Minden fairgrounds in January. /DARREN LUM Staff

January

Highway maintenance contract goes to Fowlers

In January, the *Times* reported that Fowler Construction would take over highway maintenance of provincial highways within the Huntsville district, which includes Haliburton County, beginning in the fall of 2018. The Ministry of Transportation had previously announced it was bringing an early end to its contract with Carillion, which had been maintaining roads since 2012.

Study finds SafeSpace not sustainable

HERS, the Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace in Minden, would need a different operating model and more money to continue its services, a representative from YWCA Peterborough Haliburton told county councillors on Jan. 24. The YWCA got in touch with the Ministry of Community and Social Services, which indicated it would help keep the space open.

Council wants transition plan for Dorset library branch closure

Algonquin Highlands council said at its Jan. 18 meeting it wanted to see a transition plan before it agreed to what amounted to closing the Dorset branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. Of the library's eight branches, the ones in Dorset and Cardiff have the lowest circulation and there are concerns about their sustainability. A suggestion was turning the space into a book drop location for the library.

MPP reacts to PC leader's departure

Local MPP Laurie Scott released a statement on Twitter calling the allegations against then-PC leader Patrick Brown "a shock to all of us." Brown was accused of sexual misconduct, allegations he has maintained are untrue. He resigned as leader of the party.

Former Minden curler goes for gold at Ontario Winter Games

Alyssa Denyer, a former Red Hawks curler studying at Laurentian University in Sudbury, went undefeated at the Ontario Winter Games qualifier in January. She and her curling partner Max Blais of Smooth Rock Falls would go on to compete in the Ontario Winter Games in March in Orillia.

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February

Township, lake association at odds over boat launch

Staff of the Township of Minden Hills said a public boat launch proposal from the Bob Lake association would cost more than what the association had estimated. Association members had visited council in December of 2017 with their pitch, which was the construction of a concrete slab boat launch on a road allowance along Claude Brown Road, which is municipally maintained. They projected a cost of \$30,000. However, Minden Hills staff said it would likely be more than \$180,000. No money was allotted to the project by the township, though Mayor Brent Devolin said they are still open to finding solutions to help residents access the lake.

Close calls on ice

The Dysart fire department warned the public to be careful on frozen lakes after 12 people went through the ice in the first two weeks of February. Local firefighters were called to Birch Narrows between Grass and Kashagawigamog lakes on Feb. 9 when four men travelling on two snowmobiles and an ATV went through the ice. Two got out on their own, two were rescued by firefighters, who used a boat to slide onto the thin ice. Three of the four were taken to hospital to be treated for hypothermia. Previous accidents had already occurred on Boshkung Lake and Twelve Mile Lake.

Minden Hills lowers proposed tax increase

Staff found savings across several departments in Minden Hills, lowering the financial shortfall in the proposed 2018 budget. The changes lowered the proposed levy increase from 9.73 per cent to 8.61 per cent. Increases helped to fund roads and landfill.

Red Hawks snowboarders head to OFSAA

The HHSS girls and boys teams earned their way to provincials after their strong showing at the COSSA championship at Sir Sam's on Feb. 15. Advancing as individuals: Lucas Bortolussi, Jake O'Neill and Coleman Heaven.

Fatal fire in Oxtongue Lake

Police were investigating after a body was discovered in a house fire in Oxtongue Lake on Feb. 16. The Algonquin Highlands fire department attended the blaze. The fire chief said the fire was a tragic reminder to keep working smoke alarms in homes and cottages, noting you often have less than two minutes to get out when your home is on fire.

Dorset rec centre damaged by flooding

Flooring and drywall was damaged during flooding on Feb. 20. It was not as bad as it could have been, parks and rec



Minden Skating Club's Tess Husbands, left, and Emily Fitzell perform in the skating show during the annual Catch the Cure on Saturday, Feb. 17 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. /DARREN LUM Staff

manager for Algonquin Highlands Chris Card told council during an April 19 meeting. Heavy rains and melted snow caused the flooding. Many of the rooms were covered with about two to four inches of water. The cost for the repairs was about \$7,100, plus tax.

Five HHSS wrestlers head to provincials

Aidan Coles, Emily Klose, Matt Manning, Hannah Riopelle and Nic Graham had stellar performances at the COSSA wrestling championships on Feb. 22, and advanced to the provincials. From a field of 14 high schools, the Hawks finished third in the team category for boys and girls. Third place finishes went to Noelle Dupret Smith, Connie Oh, and Brooklyn Spence. Fourth went to Tyler Wilson, Owen Wootton, and Connor Spence.

Fire destroys Tom Bolton Road home

Nineteen firefighters from Minden Hills, Haliburton and Algonquin Highlands worked to fight a fire that engulfed a year-round home on Tom Bolton Road in Minden Hills on

Feb. 13. No one was home at the time of the fire. A cause was not determined and the home was a total loss.

Child in hospital following snowmobile accident

A young boy injured in a Kawagama Lake snowmobile accident on the Family Day weekend was taken to Sick Kids' Hospital in Toronto. An online fundraising page was set up for the family of Parker Willand, 2, and had raised more than \$12,000.

County council passes budget with 3% tax increase

County councillors passed the 2018 budget during a meeting on Feb. 28. It included a tax rate increase of 2.91 per cent at the upper tier level. It contained more than \$22 million in total spending, \$16.5 million of which would be levied through property taxes.

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March

New fire training regulations put heat on municipalities

Mandatory firefighter training regs from the province could add more financial burden to Ontario's municipalities. Algonquin Highlands councillors heard about the proposed changes during their March 2 meeting. While the regulations would ask departments to do more training with firefighters, no new funding was announced to support it. These regulations would later be removed by the new PC government.

Girls volleyball team heads to provincials

Thanks to hard work and special circumstances, the HHSS girls volleyball team made it to OFSAA after the team that placed first at COSSA pulled out. The Red Hawks were in the second place position and were happy to embrace the opportunity.

Midgets win OMHA finals

The Highland Storm Midget team advanced to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association finals after winning three games against the Brighton Braves in early March. They took the title after defeating the Dunville Mudcats, with a series final at home at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

Cook It Up comes to Minden

The SIRCH Community Services program that teaches food service skills and gives practical experience through a weekly free community meal came to Minden in 2018. Every Monday from March through April, Molly's Bistro Bakery on Bobcaygeon Road was the host location for the program.

Coles places fourth at OFSAA

Red Hawks wrestler Aidan Coles placed fourth at the all-provincials in March. He finished the tournament with six wins and two losses. His placement was the highest in history for an HHSS wrestler.

Denyer has silver performance at winter games

Former Red Hawks curler Alyssa Denyer and her partner Max Blais earned a silver medal at the Ontario Winter Games from March 1 to 4 in Orillia.

Hawks alumnus strikes silver at nationals in badminton

Darcy Schmidt captured silver at the national collegiate level for badminton, representing the Humber Hawks. With partner Cameron Lai, Schmidt won second place for men's doubles at the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association



The Highland Storm Midget team took home the trophy in the OMHA finals in March. They defeated the Dunville Mudcats in a clean sweep. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Badminton National Championships held Feb. 28 to March 3 in Edmonton.

Campbell named Highlander of the Year

Andy Campbell, who headed up Haliburton County Development Corporation for 32 years, was honoured by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce at their awards gala on March 17. Campbell, who retired later in 2018 was honoured for his dedication and hard work over the years, boosting the economy of the Highlands.

County wins age-friendly community award

The minister of senior affairs awarded Haliburton County with the 2018 Ontario Age-Friendly Community Recognition Award for category 1. Health promoter Angela Andrews said

the success came from taking direction from the county's seniors in addition to the support from all four lower-tier governments and the county. The award was given at a symposium in Toronto on March 26.

Minden Hills acquires lot, takes over block

The Township of Minden Hills reached an agreement to purchase a parcel of land abutting the municipal property where the township office is located. The contract, approved by councillors during the March 29 meeting, shows the township would pay \$60,000 for the 70-by-80-foot property, along with covering up to \$2,500 in legal fees for the seller. Having the property meant that the township would own the whole block. With the new fire hall constructed on Highway 35, it is likely the old hall, beside the newly purchased property, would also be removed allowing the township to further develop the block.

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April

Algonquin Highlands passes budget with very small increase

Algonquin Highlands councillors passed the 2018 budget at the April 5 meeting. There was a small upper tier increase and the education tax rate dropped, so the overall residential tax rate for those living in that municipality increased 0.5 per cent.

Milburn wetland deemed provincially significant

The Milburn Wetland Complex, made up of some 640 hectares and 62 linked wetlands was named a provincially significant wetland. Paul Heaven oversaw the application process, which included about a month of field work during the summer of 2017.

Monster ice storm leaves businesses closed, buses cancelled

The county was pummelled with freezing rain, high winds and ice pellets from what Environment Canada called an “historic ice storm” in mid-April. The storm began April 14 and wreaked havoc in southern Ontario, causing power outages, bus cancellations and school closures, hundreds of flight delays, more than 1,000 car accidents and localized flooding in some parts of the province. A volunteer at the Haliburton observation site recorded 20 cm of snowfall on April 14 and 12 cm of ice pellets and another four to five millimetres of freezing rain on top of that on April 15.

Minden Curling Club sweeps in cash

The curling club announced it had received a \$108,800

Local residents were toasting the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle during the English tea event led by curatorial assistant Ruth O'Connell, at back, on Saturday, May 19 in the 19th century Bowron House at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre in Minden. / DARREN LUM Staff



grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for energy-efficient upgrades. The money would be used for switching to LED lights in the building including in the rink, the lounge and locker rooms, as well as replace the compressor and the heater for the rink with a propane model.

Task force proposes new ideas for housing

The Minden Hills Housing Task Force offered suggestions at council’s April 12 committee of the whole meeting. One of the chief findings was the dearth of rental housing in the township. Twelve per cent of accommodation is rental, compared to 30 per cent in Ontario, Fay Martin told council. Since the area is one of the poorest in the province, Martin said the availability of rental housing should actually exceed that of the rest of Ontario.

May

Candidates emerge for upcoming provincial election

New candidates were declared for the provincial election in June. Zac Miller, a 20-year-old student, was chosen to represent the NDP and Laurie Scott, the incumbent, ran for the PCs. The Liberals selected Brooklynne Cramp-Waldinsperger, 22, also a student, as their candidate.

Snowmobiling association has challenging winter

Attendees of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association’s AGM on May 5 heard that an unpredictable climate resulted in the club netting a \$31,249 deficit in the 2017-2018 season. Of the 1,800 hours initially budgeted for grooming, the club raked in just 40 per cent of that time by

the end of the season. The HCSA’s permit revenue comes from the number of hours trails are groomed.

Girls soccer team wins COSSA championship

The Red Hawks junior girls soccer team won the COSSA championship title with a thrilling 1-0 win in overtime on May 31. Head coach Janice Scheffee said the victory was special because of the work put in by the team. “Their skills have improved the entire season. They’re highly athletic, so today it all came together at the right time,” she said.

Minden teen participates in Miss North Ontario pageant

Jordyn Greer placed 10th out of 31 contestants at the Miss North Ontario pageant in Sudbury. She was also selected along with five other young women as a national finalist for the Miss Teenage Canada pageant to be held in August. She described the experience as life changing.

Badminton pair compete at OFSAA

Red Hawks badminton doubles players and friends Owen Patterson-Smith and Ben Schmidt competed against the best badminton players in the province at the OFSAA championship. They attended as second seed from COSSA, where they finished as a C flight quarter-finalist in Windsor. Although they didn’t advance to the finals at OFSAA, the pair were thrilled at the experience.

Algonquin Highlands seeks feedback on Dorset library

At the Algonquin Highlands council meeting on May 3, Mayor Carol Moffatt said she’d like to consult with the public about use of the facilities at the Dorset Recreation Centre before a decision was made about what to do with the space. Councillors supported the idea of delaying the transition to see what people wanted.

Red Wolves compete at national games

On Sunday, May 13, five Haliburton County Red Wolves Special Olympics athletes, Alyssa Whitaker, Skylar Pratt, Emily Boccitto, Carrie Crego and Jason Cochrane, left Minden to compete in the Special Olympics National Games in P.E.I. The bowling team won silver. New friendships were formed and over the course of seven days they got to see the province during a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Bioheat system sparks council’s interest

A representative of Torchlight Bioresources visited Minden Hills council on May 10 and council expressed interest in a wood heat energy system for downtown Minden. The representative suggested applying for a provincial grant with the hope of a top up through a federal funding opportunity. Haliburton had been recently successful in getting a \$2.8 million grant. Once the PC government took over, the funding mechanism for the project was cancelled.

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The re-enactors of the Incorporated Militia of Upper Canada, part of the Military Re-Enactment Society of Canada, perform a firing drill for the 1812 historical showcase in June at the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village./
DARREN LUM Staff

County commits to EORN project

Haliburton County agreed to spend up to \$565,000 on a mobile broadband expansion project through the Eastern Ontario Regional Network and contribute another \$40,000 for a broadband gap analysis for the region.

Longtime ER doc retires

Dr. Douglas Fiddler was given flowers and piped out of the Minden emergency department when he retired on May 17. He had been a doctor in Minden since 1995. "He was instrumental in helping establish the current physician staffing model in the Minden ED and has played a significant role in helping ensure top quality medical practices have consistently been in place there," HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer said.

Kawartha Lakes-Brock and for the first time her seat was on the government side of the legislature. Scott, first elected in 2003, claimed her fifth electoral victory on June 7 as the Progressive Conservative party swept its way to an easy majority. She took nearly 57 per cent of the ballots cast in the riding.

Scott becomes labour minister

As the new PC majority government was sworn in on June 29, it was announced that local MPP Laurie Scott was its new labour minister. She told the *Times* she was "very excited" about the posting.

500 acres donated to land trust

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust announced at its June 2 AGM that close to 500 acres had been donated to the charitable organization, to be known as Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. Leopoldina and Margaret Dobrzensky donated the acres plus an additional 100 acres that will be protected through a Conservation Easement Agreement. This is the land trust's fifth nature reserve.

Daycare decision leaves parents scrambling

Parents and caregivers of children enrolled at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden were scrambling to find child minding services after being notified with just one week's notice that the daycare would close on June 22. Funding concerns and administrative burden led the board to its decision, a letter from the OEYC said. Within a week, a new agreement had been made to continue daycare service without disruption. It was decided that Compass Early Learning & Care would take over the childcare centre in Minden starting June 25. Despite the last minute relief, parents were angry, calling the situation reckless.

Nesbitt earns berth to OFSAA

Long jumper, Grade 9 student Sterling Nesbitt, earned a

berth to OFSAA by jumping 4.69 metres at the East Regional OFSAA competition, breaking the 56-year school record of 4.62 metres. On June 7, she travelled to Toronto for the competition, jumping 4.62 metres, just shy of her record. She finished in the top 20 in the province. "It was very surreal and I still can't believe I made it that far," she said.

Schmidt and Klose named athletes of the year

During the annual athletic banquet at the high school on June 12, Ben Schmidt and Emily Klose were named the school's Athletes of the Year. Schmidt was involved with badminton, cross country, soccer and track and field. Klose was part of field hockey, wrestling, badminton and soccer.

Fed up residents clean up cemetery

Community members frustrated with the state of the cemetery on Bobcaygeon Road took matters into their own hands, cutting the grass and cleaning up debris. Councillors said they were sorry about the state of the cemetery and hoped it wouldn't happen again.

Grads say goodbye

Students were congratulated on their years of work at ceremonies at each of the county's schools. At the high school, Emily Domerchie was given the Governor General's Academic Medal and Mikaela Kauffeldt received the Lieutenant Governor General's Award for Community Service.

New fire hall opens

Minden Hills' long-awaited fire hall on Highway 35 was officially opened during a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 30. The completion of the \$2-million facility marked the end of a significant project for the municipality. Deputy Mayor Cheryl Murdoch said its completion was on her bucket list for a decade and she was happy to see it finished.

June

Businesses have hard time finding help

Private businesses and public entities in Haliburton County reported having a hard time finding help for the summer. "I have a restaurant I might not be able to open because I don't have enough people," Shawn Chamberlin, owner of Minden's Dominion Hotel and the Grill on the Gull, told the *Times*. He said the issue wasn't just in winter, but throughout the year. The Mill Pond Restaurant echoed those sentiments. Both the County of Haliburton and Township of Minden Hills said they had few (if any) response to some of their summer student positions. Fewer high school students and lack of affordable housing were contributing factors, employers surmised.

Scott elected into PC majority

Laurie Scott was elected to serve as MPP for Haliburton-

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July

New daycare spaces for Minden

It was announced in July that Minden would be getting 23 new licensed daycare spaces after the City of Kawartha Lakes, which is the social services provider for the county, received funding from the Ministry of Education. At the Compass Early Learning and Care Centre in Minden, there will be 10 new infant spaces, five new toddler spaces and eight new preschool spaces.

Fire ban in effect

A fire ban was declared on July 9 for the entire county. Dry conditions, high heat and the lack of forecasted rain led to an extreme fire risk. All permits were cancelled and all open fires and campfires prohibited.

Province cancels bioheat projects

A wood-fuelled district heating system for Haliburton Village was cancelled after the province's new PC government terminated the contract in early July. Similar projects proposed for Minden and Highlands East would not proceed.

School board releases open letter on curriculum changes

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board issued an open letter to students, staff and parents about changes to the curriculum under the new provincial government. The board committed to continue teaching gender identity, acceptance and understanding for the LGBTQ community; sexual health issues such as consent and internet safety. They also promised not to "retreat" from the strides made regarding Indigenous education.

Fire at Hydro One station knocks out power to thousands

A large fire at a Hydro One substation along County Road 21 on July 26 knocked out power to more than 22,000 customers – all of Haliburton County – for a six-hour period. Many in the Minden area lost power for a much longer period. The county's fire departments battled the blaze that night and Hydro One restored power remarkably quickly. "They were able to re-route power through alternate lines," a spokesperson told the *Times*.

Extraordinary weather hits county with hail

Haliburton County residents were assessing damage and sharing storm stories after the area was pummelled with torrential rain, gusty winds and golf ball-sized hail on July 26. Approximately 23 millilitres of rain fell on the region, winds toppled trees and hail damaged cars, smashing windshields and shedding awnings.



The Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums Band pipers Brian Sachs, left, and Terry Craig perform with the mass band at the Kinmount Highland Games on Saturday, July 14 at the Kinmount Fairgrounds. /DARREN LUM Staff

Council awards arena reno project

Minden Hills council met in a special meeting in July and supported a recommendation from staff to award a major renovation project of the S.G. Nesbitt Arena and Community Centre that could cost \$10 million to a lone bidder one week before entering lame duck period before the election.

Mayoral candidates come forward in Minden Hills

After the nomination period for the upcoming municipal elections closed on July 27, Minden Hills residents learned they would have three options for mayor: incumbent Brent Devolin, Wayne Hancock or Jarrett Campbell. Longtime councillor Lisa Schell had no competition for the deputy mayor position and was acclaimed.

Community rallies for Craig Smith

Less than 24 hours after Minden resident Craig Smith had been airlifted to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto following a fall on Aug. 22, the community was reaching out with positive messages and fundraising efforts to support the Smith family through recovery. Craig's traumatic fall left him with multiple injuries.

Seniors shine at provincials

The Ontario 55+ Games provided an opportunity for adults over 55 to be active and involved in the community. A thousand participants competed in 18 events in Mississauga at the provincials Aug. 10 to 12. Forty-six Haliburton/Muskoka competitors participated. Many of them took home medals.

Gull problems persist on Mountain Lake

"Embarrassed" was a term used by some members of Minden Hills council as they heard presentations from residents of Mountain Lake during their Aug. 30 meeting. For years the lake has been plagued by a seagull population that feeds at the township's Scotch Line landfill and then retreats to the lake, where they litter the water, decks, docks and boats. Kym Hanson told council a count had found nearly 700 gulls on one of the lake's bays. Mayor Brent Devolin asked staff to report back to council in two weeks and promised aggressive action.

Nine national medals for area seniors

The Haliburton/Muskoka team participated in the Canada 55+ Games in St. John, N.B. from Aug. 21 to 24. Medallists from this region included Robert Pearce, Karen Heaslip, Bev Kerr, John Kerr, Sharon Ferris, Frank Ferris, Jane Symons, and Kaye Bull. Although the games are about competition, the real goal is to bring people together, organizers said.

August

Shooting suspect arrested in Algonquin Highlands

According to Toronto Police Services, a man implicated in the playground shooting of two girls in Toronto in June was arrested in Algonquin Highlands on Aug. 22. A media release stated the man was arrested in the area of the Stanhope Airport by members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP. He was charged with 17 crimes, including attempted murder, two counts of aggravated assault and unauthorized possession of a firearm.

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Liane Spong-Hooyenga, detachment commander of the Haliburton Highlands OPP, and Fay Wilkinson, an organizer of the celebration of 100 years of the federal vote being extended to some women in Canada, marched down Bobcaygeon Road in September. The celebration of suffrage included women dressed in period clothing, a historical re-enactment of a speech by Margaret Haile, followed by tea and speeches at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

September

Fred Fox praises Minden run

Fred Fox, Terry Fox's older brother, spoke at the Minden Hills Community Centre ahead of the annual fundraiser. He received a standing ovation from the crowd, who heard about Terry's story and how thankful the family is for communities like Minden, that keep his dream alive.

U of T student dies on Gull Lake

A Mississauga family was looking for answers after Anand Baiju, an 18-year-old civil engineering student from the University of Toronto, died on Gull Lake on Sept. 4. Baiju's uncle, Manoj Radhamni, told the *Times* the family had been kept in the dark. Police said Baiju became separated from a group he was with. He was pronounced deceased at Minden hospital.

Minden to cull the gulls

The council for Minden Hills decided at their Sept. 13 meeting to move forward with a plan to get rid of the seagulls plaguing the Scotch Line landfill and nearby Mountain Lake.

Councillors granted pre-approval to a contract with a company to eradicate the birds. The approach includes removal of gull eggs and nests, scaring the birds using sound blasters, clackers and birds of prey. The company would also obtain a permit to kill a certain number of birds per year.

Fire destroys Maple Lake home

A fire on Sept. 17 destroyed a home on Highway 118 near Maple Lake. Renters were not home at the time. The Algonquin Highlands fire department, assisted by the Haliburton department, were on scene for about seven hours.

New HHSS principal gets warm reception

Chris Boulay took over the leadership of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in September from Dan Marsden, who is now principal at Ridgewood Public School. Boulay was born and raised in Cornwall and attended University of Ottawa. He said he wanted to move to the area because this is where his wife's family is. He said he'd received a warm reception from the community.

HHHS plans to eliminate \$250,000 deficit by March 31

Haliburton Highlands Health Services was working to return to a balanced budget following news of a year-to-date deficit of \$250,000 as of the end of July 2018, the board heard

at their Sept. 27 meeting. "This negative position is largely the result of the ongoing operating deficits in our long-term care homes, coupled with the recent change in government that has resulted in a freeze on some of our revenues, as well as the associated increased costs of implementing Bill 148, Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act," a press release from HHHS said. The release said a plan was in place to return to a balanced budget by March 31.

Blue-green algae bloom confirmed in county

Algonquin Highlands and the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations were advising residents to be vigilant and know the signs of blue-green algae blooms after one was confirmed on Big Brother Lake in early September. The bloom disappeared, but Mayor Carol Moffatt said she'd still like to see information about algae blooms distributed by the health unit.

Boshkung Brewing wins awards

Carnarvon-based brewer, Boshkung Brewing Co. won silver for its North Country Kellerbier and bronze for its Campfire Rye Ale at the Ontario Brewing Awards in September. The trophies bring the brewery's awards total to six.



Sue Pearson is presented with the Kinmount Citizen of the Year award by Lion Marg McAllister during the Kinmount Fair. Pearson volunteers with a number of organizations. /Photo submitted

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October

Work to commence on arena project

During a Sept. 27 meeting, Minden Hills councillors agreed to send a letter of intent to the construction company formally initiating the arena project, and proceed with the validation phase. This phase includes a structural inspection, topographical survey, geotechnical study and other such work.

Seagull solution seems to be working

The mitigation of the seagull population at the Scotch Line landfill and nearby Mountain Lake was showing results, Minden Hill staff said.

Progress made on housing homeless

Jocelyn Blazey, homelessness system resource co-ordinator for the City of Kawartha Lakes, told council that since the city and Haliburton County together joined the 20,000 Homes Campaign in 2016, 60 people had been housed between the two municipalities, which was much higher than the goal of 24.

Carnarvon's Zion United Church to close

Following a vote by members of the amalgamated congregation of the Zion United Church in Carnarvon and the



Families in group costumes, including the Incredibles themselves, celebrated with games, crafts, snacks, dancing and a costume contest at Minden's annual family Halloween party in October. / SUE TIFFIN Staff



There was a large crowd of interested people out for the all-candidates meeting for Minden Hills on Thursday, Sept. 27 at the Minden Hills Community Centre. Every seat was filled, leaving only standing room along the sides and at the back of the room. /DARREN LUM Staff

Minden United Church, it was decided to close the Carnarvon church. In 2016, members of the churches as well as those from the Maple Lake United Church held a vote on amalgamation. While members at Maple Lake chose for it to remain a freestanding church, members in Carnarvon and Minden voted to amalgamate.

Second phase of housing project begins

Construction of phase two of the affordable housing complex off Parkside Street near the Minden arena is set to begin in the spring, Minden Hills councillors heard at their meeting Oct. 11. Phase two of the project would consist of a three-storey, 21-unit building that would include one-, two- and three-bedroom units. It would be a mix of affordable and market rate units. The tentative schedule would see construction in the spring and occupancy by 2020.

Election results come in

Brent Devolin retained his seat as mayor of Minden Hills in the municipal election Oct. 22. He received 1,720 votes, besting competitors Wayne Hancock and Jarrett Campbell who garnered totals of 1,375 and 662, respectively. Lisa Schell ran unopposed for the seat of deputy mayor. The new Ward 1 councillors elected were Jennifer Hughey and Bob Carter. In Ward 2, Pam Sayne kept her seat. Jean Neville won in Ward 3. Ron Nesbitt was the winner for councillor-at-large.

All-women council to lead Algonquin Highlands

After the votes were tallied on Oct. 22, Algonquin Highlands became one of two councils in Ontario to be made up entirely of women. Julie Shortreed and Jennifer Dailloux won their ward seats, Lisa Barry and Liz Danielsen were both

acclaimed to theirs. Mayor Carol Moffatt was also acclaimed. Moffatt said it was a celebratory moment, but at the core of it council was made up of five people who wanted to better their community and she was eager to move forward.

Scott's Lindsay office vandalized

Just after midnight on Oct. 24, someone smashed the front windows of MPP Laurie Scott's Lindsay-based office, ransacking the front customer service area. On the side of the building, in black spray paint, was written: "Attack workers. We attack back. \$15." Earlier that day, Scott had announced that the minimum wage in Ontario would be frozen at \$14 an hour, and that guaranteed sick days for workers would be retracted as part of a number of rollbacks by the Ford government.

November

Firefighter training regulations dropped by province

The Ford government scrapped mandatory firefighting training certification regulations that, under the Wynne government, were set to come into effect in 2019. Municipalities had been bracing for the financial impact of adhering to the requirements. Algonquin Highlands fire chief Mike Cavanagh told the *Times* he supports standardized training, but the change would give them more time to implement training and reduce budget impacts.

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Living wage in county: \$19.42

The health unit got people talking when it released living wage calculations for Haliburton County, stating a family of four with both parents working full time would each have to make \$19.42 an hour to cover basic expenses in 2018. The Ontario minimum wage is \$14 an hour. The information was released by the Ontario Living Wage Network, which gave estimates for communities across the province. Among the 22 communities where a living wage was calculated, Haliburton County was the second highest total, after Toronto. Living wages vary based on the cost of necessities such as food, housing, phone, internet, transportation, child care, continuing education and medical/life insurance.

Builders happy with apprenticeship changes

The Ford government's planned lowering of apprenticeship ratios and dismantling of the Ontario College of Trades is welcome news to the Haliburton County Home Builders Association. The changes will likely result in more construction job openings for young people in the county. In 2009, the Liberal government created the College of Trades and set an apprenticeship ratio for all trades at three journeypeople to one apprentice. The new legislation would bring that to one-to-one.

Changes for 'double-hatters' welcome news

The Ford government tabled legislation proposing changes to firefighting services, which was heralded as good news for rural Ontario communities. Part of the government's Bill 57, introduced in mid-November, it eliminated the barriers to "double hatting," full-time firefighters who serve with departments other than the one where they are centrally employed, such as volunteer fire departments where they live.

Three area initiatives receive funding from RED program

Tens of thousands of dollars from the Rural Economic Development program flowed to the county through three initiatives. An announcement was made by MPP Laurie Scott on Nov. 9. Abbey Retreat Centre, which offers programming to people with cancer and their caregivers, will be receiving \$55,300. The Township of Minden Hills will receive up to \$33,500 for a community improvement plan. The County of Haliburton and Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce will receive \$5,000 for a marketing video.

First season of septic inspections complete

Nearly 1,100 septic systems were inspected during the first year of a four-year mandatory septic re-inspection program in Algonquin Highlands. The systems were mostly on Boshkung, Beech and Maple lakes. Of those, 39 per cent required some kind of remedial action, but in most cases that just meant a pump-out. Twenty-four metal tanks were located, nine of those systems being older than 50 years.



Crowds gathered around the pavilion in Minden's Village Green to hear festive sounds performed by Stan Russell and his students at the annual Lights and Delights event held to bring the community together to witness the lighting of the street lights on Bobcaygeon Road, the town's main street. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Two fires in four days claim structures, vehicles

Fires not far from Carnarvon just days apart destroyed a house and a shed, but no one was injured. On Nov. 14, firefighters responded to a call of a house fire on Highway 118 near Tulip Road in Carnarvon. The structure was fully engulfed. Then on Nov. 16, firefighters were called to a structure fire on Barry Line Road. A 60-by-30-foot shed with recreational vehicles, boat and travel trailer was on fire. The building and its contents were a complete loss. No one was injured.

Peter Fearrey remembered by HHHS

Haliburton Highlands Health Services staff grieved the loss of Peter Fearrey, who died on Nov. 26 in his 62nd year. Fearrey had worked for HHHS for 43 years and was director of facilities and special projects. He retired in 2017. "You cannot go anywhere in any of our facilities without seeing some sign of Peter, in some way, shape or form," CEO Carolyn Plummer said at an HHHS board meeting Nov. 29.

\$200,000 deficit at Scotch Line landfill

Minden Hills council learned at its Nov. 22 meeting that staff was projecting a deficit of \$195,000 for the landfill for 2018. Mayor Brent Devolin said the bill was higher than ex-

pected, like waking up with a hangover from the night before.

Truck crashes into Miners Bay Lodge

In the early evening on Nov. 24, a van travelling south from Minden crashed into the 100-year-old Miners Bay Lodge, which was shut down for the season and empty of guests. The two occupants of the van received minor injuries.

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Enviro-heroes honoured by land trust

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust selected three environmentalists as 2018's enviro-heroes. Carolynn Coburn, Eric Lilius and Andrew Carmount were this year's recipients. The annual awards are given to those who "protect and sustain our natural resources through education and stewardship," said the land trust's chairwoman Mary Lou Gerstl, during the presentation on Dec. 6.

Minden Hills awards outstanding volunteers

Betty Mark was given the Gordon A. Monk Award for her extensive volunteer work at the annual Minden Hills township Christmas dinner on Dec. 7. Daniel and Denniella Rivard won the Ross Rigney Award, given to young people who are active in the community. Diane Dawson was recipient of the Minden Hills Good Neighbour Award for those who give back to the community. The Arts and Culture Award was given to the Minden and District Lions Club for being the backbone of the Music by the Gull series.

County councillors get glimpse of transportation plan

Haliburton County councillors received a report during a Nov. 28 meeting regarding the transportation implementation plan it hired firm IBI Group to complete. "They have agreed that a request-based system is the system of choice for the County of Haliburton," county planner Charley White told council. A request-based system would include a shared ride service with trips booked ahead by users, as opposed to a fixed-route system, such as the traditional city bus system. A finalized, detailed plan will be presented to county council in 2019.



In a unique Christmas tradition, Santa Claus meets children at the Kinmount library and goes with them on a horse-pulled wagon ride to the Kinmount Legion, where he then takes the time to greet an excited line of families hoping to get a word in with the man of the season prior to Christmas. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Trudeau, Monsef, call in to Algonquin Highlands council

A phone call to Algonquin Highlands council from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister for the Status of Women Maryam Monsef was celebrated with a round of applause on Dec. 13 during a council meeting. They called to congratulate the council on being one of the only all-women councils in Ontario's history.

12 council meeting. Each of the lower-tier municipalities agreed to opt-in at their own council meetings.

Danielsen sworn in as warden

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen was sworn in as warden of Haliburton County, a one-year term, at a ceremony on Dec. 11. The warden is chosen by the members of county council, which are made up of the mayors and deputy mayors of the four lower-tier municipalities. Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton put his name forward for deputy warden. He was the only one to do so. The vote on that decision will be made in January.

Dorset library space 'an open book'

The Dorset library branch within the recreation centre was moving closer to becoming a multi-use space. Currently open eight hours a week, it has low circulation figures and Algonquin Highlands councillors considered development to make the space more frequented by adding more computers and providing a book drop service, which would mean removing the books. The space would be open 40 hours a week. Results of a survey of local residents found 59 per cent said they supported the space being transitioned into a township-managed community space. About 40 per cent said they supported leaving it as-is. Councillors agreed at their Dec. 13 meeting to support transitioning it to a multi-use space.

Residents get arena project preview

Minden Hills residents got a glimpse of what a new arena and renovated community centre would look like at a public meeting in December. With a new Minden Hills council, there had been some question as to why they were moving forward on the project, which would entail building a new facility estimated at \$12 million. The proposed community centre would include a new arena and gym. There would be six new changerooms. There was concern expressed that the gym was not large enough to house a basketball court.

County, lower-tier municipalities opt-in on marijuana stores

Haliburton County council, along with the councils of its lower tier municipalities, opted in to allowing cannabis stores within its boundaries and staff has been asked to produce a policy statement. The county decision was made at the Dec.

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Newton's First Law

THE FIRST PART OF Newton's First Law is: "An object at rest stays at rest and an object in motion stays in motion..." At times, it feels like this law applies to the human body just as it does to an object. Often after a period of inactivity it can be difficult to get moving again. The sad truth is that kicking back in the recliner is much easier than jumping on the treadmill or getting out for a walk. Once we're moving it's a lot easier to keep going. Creating a plan can help with the shift.

Below is a seven-day plan to get you back into motion. It includes the following:

- Cardio - walk, jog, skate, ski or dance.
- Push-ups - At the wall, or from your knees or toes.
- Squats - Bend your knees, crouch down as far as you can go. Return to standing for one rep.
- Mountain Climbers - This is done on your hands and toes. Once you are in that position, move one knee toward your chest, and then return to the starting position. Complete the same movement on the other side. These can also be done at a tabletop or counter to make things a bit easier.
- Superman - This is done lying belly down

on the floor. Extend and raise your left leg and your right arm two to three inches from the floor. Slowing return to starting the position. Repeat on the other side.

Here's the plan. Start whenever you like. You don't have to wait for a Monday.

Day 1: Cardio for 10 to 20 minutes / five to 10 reps each of Push-ups, Squats, Mountain Climbers and Superman

Day 2: Cardio for 15 to 25 minutes / stretching exercises*

Day 3: Cardio for 15 to 25 minutes / five to 10 reps each of Push-ups, Squats, Mountain Climbers and Superman

• Day 4: Cardio for 20 to 30 minutes / stretching exercises*

Day 5: Cardio for 20 to 30 minutes / five to 10 reps each of Push-ups, Squats, Mountain Climbers and Superman

Day 6: Cardio for 20 to 30 minutes / stretching exercises*

Day 7: Stretching exercises*
*please email me at laurie@thepointforfitness.com for a list of stretching exercises.

The magic to gaining back momentum when it comes to exercise is to leave yourself wanting more at the end of every workout. If you can manage 20 minutes of walking aim for 15 to 20 and don't push to 30 because

you're trying to make up for lost time. Start slow and build. Before you know it you'll be back in motion.

Something to think about!

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal fitness trainer and spinning instructor. She owns and operates The Point for Fitness. She can be reached at laurie@thepointforfitness.com.



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Play ball!

Wendy Miller takes a break from her rally with friends at public pickleball on Wednesday, Jan. 2 at the Minden Hills Community Centre. Pickleball is held for men and women every Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 12 p.m., and costs only \$2 per play.
/DARREN LUM Staff

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Jets capture Classic in Belleville

The Park View Dental/Bancroft IDA Midget Girls Jets team won all six of their games this past weekend at the New Year's Classic Bearcats Tournament in Belleville. Their complete team effort included outstanding goaltending, solid defence and timely scoring. The Jets would like to thank their sponsors Park View Dental and the Bancroft IDA for their ongoing support throughout the season.

Bantams ready for post-season

On Sunday the Highland Storm Bantam Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House and Dollo's Foodland Bantams travelled to Huntsville to play the West Ferris Trappers. The Storm took the lead midway through the first period with a goal scored by Dylan Keefer. The Trappers quickly responded and with two minutes left in the first period the Storm answered back taking the lead once more with a goal by Keefer assisted by Jackson Wilson and Kyan Hall. The Storm found more momentum in the second period with another goal scored by Keefer assisted by Jackson Wilson and Kyan Hall. The Storm found more momentum in the second period with another goal scored by Keefer earning himself a hat trick. Then another two goals by Kyan Hall with assists from Wilson and Hunter Winder. Amazing goaltending by Darion Maddock holding the Trappers at 2 for the majority of the second period and all the third. At one point Maddock was flat on his face stopping the puck, jumping back on his feet to catch the rebound. At the top of the third Keefer found the net once again assisted by Mathias Lee with a final score of 6-2. That completes the regular season games for the Bantams. Wish them luck as they head into playoffs.

By Jessica Lloyd

Playdowns for Midgets

The Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Highland Storm Midgets met with the Lindsay Muskies for the last regular season game, Wednesday, Jan. 2 and brought home a 4-2 victory. It was a slow start for both teams and that led to a scoreless first period. The Storm team had many scoring opportunities but the Muskies took a 2-0 lead by the second period. The Storm brewed and came to life midway through the period. Walker and Gilbert created the scoring chance that Clements capitalized on. Early in the third, Clements deflected a point shot by Walker, tying the game. Later, Gilbert took a pass from Haedicke and beat the goalie with a nice backhand goal, making it 3-2 for the Storm. Seconds left in the game, Haedicke fed Gilbert once more and he secured the win with an empty-netter. It was a well-played penalty free game.

The midgets ended the regular season with a 4-2 win and a 2018/19 team record of 9-11-5. The MPS play downs began Jan. 5 in Huntsville. The Storm had an awesome start with a 4-0 shutout win against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. The Storm team dominated this game and Smith nabbed a natural hat-trick in the first period. Early in the second period, Smith manoeuvred behind the net, made a quick pass to MacNaull, he finds open Clements to make it a 4-0 game. The Shamrocks worked hard and Sisson kept them off the scoreboard and took the shutout win. Later that day, the Storm was silenced by the Huntsville Otters 6-2. A fast paced game from the start, with the Otters taking a 2-0 lead

early in the first. The Storm got lucky with a goalie error and Coumbs was there to make it a 2-1 game. Both teams worked hard during the second period, the Otters got ahead with a few goals and made it a 5-1 game. The Storm stepped up in the third period with enormous effort that resulted in a goal. Haedicke pushed hard along the boards, passed to Smith, he moved in and chipped it to MacNaull for the well-earned goal. The Otters managed another goal and took the game 6-2. The next day, the midgets played a great game against the South Muskoka Bears, which ended with a 2-2 tie. An intense and scoreless first period was played. The end to end action continued into the second period, both teams fighting for a goal. Minutes left in the period, the Bears got lucky with a goal. Shortly after, MacNaull stole the puck and tied the game. The Bears got the go ahead goal early in the third. MacNaull did it again and found the opening to tie it up, 2-2. The Storm team needed to win and pulled the goalie with minutes left. The intensity grew with immense effort by the Storm team and the clock ticked down, the game ended 2-2.

By Suzanne Haedicke

Novices play strongly

The Haliburton TimberMart and Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Highland Storm Novice Rep Team rang in the New Year with a bang playing three games on the weekend. In their first game, the Huntsville Otters put in the first goal, but Evan Perrott evened the score a minute later. Isaac Trotter fired in the second goal, then the Otters tied up the game before the end of the second. The Storm dominated the third period with another goal by Perrott and a goal by Max Rupnow for a 4-2 win for the Storm.

The Novices played a strong game against the well-matched Lindsay Muskies. The Muskies stole the first goal



The Midget boys at their MPS playoff tournament this past weekend. Photo by Suzanne Haedicke.

just 29 seconds into the game. Henry Neilson struck back with a hard top right shot for the Storm. In the second, the teams continued with parallel goals, first by the Muskies, then two goals 13 seconds apart from Perrott, and another point for the Muskies. In the third, the Muskies put in their fourth before Luke Gruppe tied it up 4-4. Goalie, Carter Braun, demonstrated courage and excellent timing on several occasions leaving his net and hitting the puck out of the end.

The Storm team ruled the game against the Muskoka Rock on Sunday. Neilson led the scoring with a top right shot during a Rock power play. Jack Tomlinson skated the length of the ice, and fired a shot, which was picked up by Matt Scheffee and knocked in. The Rock then put their first point on the board. In the second, Rupnow picked up a rebound and fired it over the goalie who was down. Perrott took a shot that hit the goalie, then picked up his own rebound and scored. In the third, Rupnow picked up a pass from Jaxen Casey and carried it to the offensive zone, then passed to Gruppe who scored top left. The Rock stole another point during a power play. Neilson, Scheffee, and Perrott all put in second goals before the game ended with an 8-2 Storm win. Easton Burk held the blue line and Ethan DeCarlo demonstrated strong back checking. Good luck to the Novices next weekend in the Muskoka-Parry Sound tournament in Sundridge.

By Sarah Gruppe

Peewee A squad head to Parry Sound

The JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's travelled to Orono for a one day tournament. The first team Storm faced was the Brock Wild. The first period the Storm has a hard time keeping it out of their end. Brock scored the first goal. Than Cash Fowler rocketed a shoot in to tie it. But Brock scores shortly after. Followed by a goal by Addison St Cyr to tie the game again. But after that Brock scored two more goal to make the game 4-2 going into the second. The second started with two goals by Brock. However on a power play Aiden Perrott scored a beauty goal. Brock scored one more goal to end the period at 7-3. The third started with a goal by Austin Boylan. The Storm tried to fight back but couldn't, the final score was a 7-4 loss.

The Peewee A's second game was verse the Norwood Hornets. The first period was only a goal by the Norwood Hornets. The Second period started with a great goal by Addison St Cyr. It's was back and forth between the ends but it remained the only goal of that period it was a tied game going into the third. The third period Norwood scores on a power play. Than Storm pulled the goalie and Norwood scored. The final score was 3-1 loss for the Storm.

The Peewee A's made it to the C finals verse the Creemore Hawks. The first period started with an early first of the season goal by Kadin Card. It remained the only goal for the period. The second period started with a pass by Cash Fowler to Cooper Coles who tucked it in the net. Next Addison St Cyr took it from end to end and shot it in. Next Coles scored a solo goal. And then Aiden Perrott took it end to end for a beauty goal. That ended the second with a 5-0 lead. In the third St Cyr scored another goal and it made the final score 6-0. Ethan Dobson walked away with a shutout and a C final win for the Highland Storm.

The Peewee A's next game was Jan. 5 in Ennismore versus the Ennismore Eagles. The first period was no goals but not from a lack of trying. In the second Addison St Cyr started the goals and then Austin Boylan sent a beauty pass to Beckam Reynolds who sniped it in the net. It was a 2-0 game going into the third. The third was back and forth but Cash Fowler rocketed the puck past the goalie and in the net. Taylor Consack walked away with a hard-earned shutout and a 3-0 win for the Storm.

The Peewee A's next game was Jan. 6 when Storm hosted the Oro Thunder for an exhibition game. The first period started with a goal by Addison St Cyr. The second period St Cyr scored two more goals giving himself a hat trick. But with four minutes left Oro scored. It was a 3-1 going into the third. The third started with a goal by Oro. Then with three minutes left it was five-on-three Austin Boylan snipes one in. Which made the final score a 4-2 win for Storm.

The JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's next game is in Parry Sound for the MPS tournament. First game is at 11 a.m.

By Amber Card

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Atoms looking ahead to playoffs

This past Saturday the Ridgewood Ford/Cottage Country Building Supplies Atoms started off the New Year in full stride hosting the annual MPS tourney here in Haliburton Village. This year's tournament hosted both the Huntsville Otters and the South Muskoka Bears both of whom came ready to enjoy some great hockey against our Atoms.

Saturday morning's early game was at 9 a.m. where the Storm faced the Bears. This game showed a quick pace from the puck drop and what would total nearly 30 shots on net by the end. With the onslaught of pucks coming at our net, Chase Winder held off multiple grade A chances looking big in-between the pipes. Much of this game was played in the neutral zone and the Storm worked hard at puck possession getting some solid chances at the goalie.

The Bears found opportunities to keep the puck south of our blue line and proved too much to handle netting a few goals. Halfway through the third Josh Scheffee found a loose puck in front and knocked it in to get the Storm on the board and also nearly cutting the lead with a backhand off the crossbar.

The second game versus the Otters was the team's second meeting of the season.

The Otters opened up scoring with a quick wrister over the glove of Chase but that lead was soon tied up with a Caleb Manning goal to the same effect, assisted by McLean Rowden. To start off the second period, Evan Jones walked in on the right side and sent a seemingly innocent shot on net that found its way over the Otters' pads putting the Storm up by two. The Storm headed into the third with a one goal lead and the Storm found ways of clearing the zone effectively. Jace Mills was able to score the third goal assisted by McLean Rowden. The Storm win of 3-2 put them in the finals where they ultimately fell to the Bears' despite a solid effort for their third game of the day. One single tally from Josh Scheffee assisted by Austin Latanville and Caleb Manning broke the Bears shutout and lead to a 6-1 final score. We are looking ahead to our first playoffs and invite you to come out and catch the action.

By Pasi Posti

Storm's midget LL fall to Bears

The Highland Storm Pharmasave LL Midgets kicked off 2019 in Bracebridge last Sunday for their first meeting against the South Muskoka Bears. Play was pretty balanced in the first period. The Storms Paul Turner and Brenden Newhook combined a few times and almost scored. Goalie Nate

Miscio was strong between the pipes until a puck finally got by him at the end of the period. Teo O'Malley fed a perfect bounce pass to Tim Turner in the second period and Turner made no mistake scoring on a pretty deke. The Bears fired right back though with three quickies to take a commanding 4-1 lead into the final period. The Storm had a two-man advantage but were still unable to cut into the Bears three goal lead and the Bears added one more late in the match for a 5-1 win.

By Gord Hoenow

Novice LL experience Toronto

The Highland Storm Bright Woods Landscaping and Consulting Novice LL team played against Huntsville Davicor this past Saturday, Jan. 5. The first period started off slowly for both teams.

Halfway through the second, the Storm lit up when Hunter Hamilton scored a beauty top shelf goal unassisted. Then only 20 seconds later Brody Hartwig scored another assisted by Jacob Sutton. Davicor snuck in a quick one with only 20 seconds left in the second period making the score 2-1 going into the third.

Hartwig opened up the third period displaying his phenomenal stick skills skating through the entire offence and landing two quick unassisted goals in the net complet-

ing another hat trick for the season. Cruise Neave charged through the offence scoring the fifth goal of the game assisted by Hartwig. Carter Knapton-Shaw played a great game and Davicor managed to sneak in one more goal after a third shot rebound with three minutes left.

Storm fought hard right until the end with numerous scoring chances throughout the game. With only a minute left to play Storm stayed strong in front of the net with Hartwig passing to Tyler Hughes then to Matthew Fairy who ended the scoring with the last goal of the game! Everyone cheered as Fairy shared his joy with friends on the ice and hugs from coaches when he hit the bench! Final score ended in a 6-2 win for Storm.

Sunday, Jan. 6 the team travelled to Coca Cola Coliseum to watch the Toronto Marlies in action and got to experience what it's like to skate in front of a crowd of 6,000 people. The team took to the ice at intermission for a fun shoot out challenge! Seventy fans from Haliburton Highlands travelled down to cheer the team on! What an amazing experience for all the players!!

Be sure to come out to the Minden arena Saturday, Jan. 12 at 11 a.m. to cheer on this great team as we take on South Muskoka Envotek.

By Cheryl Smith

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Level: Intermediate

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Answers on page 14

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!



Bowling Scores

Haliburton Red Wolves Bowling Scores	
Andrea Austin 197	Kim Buie 237
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- File No. PLSRA2018041:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10182, registered November 26, 2018.
- File No. PLSRA2018042:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of Lot 17, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10181, registered November 26, 2018.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at 705-286-1260 (x206) or by e-mail at iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed by-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration, and if deemed advisable for passing, at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, January 24, 2019** at the hour of 9:00 AM. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this January 10, 2019
Ian Clendening, MPL, Planner



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Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

The Highland Trio in the Clubroom

When: Saturday, Jan. 12, 3 to 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
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Minden District Fur Harvesters annual Winter Workshop

When: Sunday Jan. 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Centre
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The Canadian Federation Of University Women (CFUW) Haliburton Highlands

All women who are considering becoming a CFUW member are welcome to join us.

When: Thursday, Jan. 17, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
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Who: Wayne Hooks
Topic: Ethel Curry – The Artist and the Gallery
Cost: Free

Haliburton Writers and Editors' Network presents: James Mitchell, Speaker & Author

"A little Piece of Paradise: The history of Canning Lake"
When: Thursday Jan. 18,
Where: Minden library, Rotary Room, 12:30 to 2 p.m.
Call 705-28-6635 or kathleenmillard61@sympatico.ca.
For more information: www.haliburtonwriters.ca



Youth league

On Sunday, Dec. 9 the Minden Youth League hosted a bonspiel. There were four teams from Minden and two teams from Haliburton in the two-game spiel. The league coaches that hosted the event were Dave McKay, Jane Boyd, Stu Humphries, Cole Boisvert our high school volunteer along with Cathy Chumbly and Hugh Nichol from the Haliburton Club all assisted on the ice. Thank you to the volunteers for all their help. Thank you to Gwen Turner and Mickey Bonham for welcoming the youth and for the treats Gwen made. Thank you to Marie Lenard and Barb Millington for serving their pizza lunch. Thank you to Val du Manoir and Gail Simon for serving their ice cream sundaes and Gwen's cupcakes. Thank you to Dave Millington for assisting with the skills test. Thank you to Barry Simon for assisting with the overall tally of the results. / Submitted by Lynda Litwin

The year it was in Dorset

Well, 2018 is over and what a year it was! The new year started out cold and snowy and stayed like that until at least Easter. Some people thought we would still be ice fishing come June. January was a busy month with preparations underway for the Dorset Snowball, Tall Pines Poker Rally and the Deep Freeze Winter Campout in February. Lots of hockey was played at the Dorset Ice Palace on those frigid winter nights and the toboggan hill behind the fire hall got tons of use. Most of the lakes had at least 12 inches of ice and the snowmobile trails couldn't have been better! From the beautiful sunshine to the picture perfect sunsets we experienced most nights, it truly was a good winter.

Miraculously the ice went out by May, town quickly became busy, hair was getting lighter and tans darker, summer was here! The annual fireworks display kicked off the season on Canada Day weekend and boats started to occupy the docks at Robinson's. The Bigwin set sail, restaurant pa-

tios filled up. Glenn Vickery swam around Lake of Bays for shoreline preservation awareness, fishing derbies were held and the Heritage Museum celebrated Heritage Day.

Labour Day closed out the perfect summer, but little did we know, we'd be experiencing that summer weather for a few more months. The Dorset Tower saw thousands of locals and tourists alike and the leaves did not disappoint. Just when we thought we couldn't get any luckier with the weather, winter hit us hard and early.

Theatre was brought to Dorset in October with *Billy Bishop Goes to War* and in December with Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, raising money for the Hub and the Winter Pantry. Town was decorated for Christmas and the big tree was lit by Boyd & Diane Griffin while everyone sang Christmas carols. The annual Toy and Food Drive collected over one ton of food and toys, and \$1,600 in cash and cheques.

Christmas morning was beautiful, sunny and snowy. Families built rinks on lakes with thick ice and enjoyed skating and hockey and then the rain came and made those rinks even better. New Year's Day was another beautiful one with lots of anglers eager to get out on the ice and catch some fish. Sadly, the decorations have come down and life has gone back to normal.

2019 has lots in store and here's hoping it's just as good as 2018 if not better!

Happy birthday to Hailey Pulfrey, Larry Bradbury, John Clayton, Ethan MacKay, Graham Avery, Hugh Reynolds, Marie Warkentin and Deb Eichler. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

- Dorset News, Lee Ross

SUDOKU SOLUTION

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The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) currently has exciting opportunities available for energetic individuals to join the team!

CLINICAL MANAGER, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (Full-time Permanent Position)

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The Clinical Manager is a key resource to a multi-disciplinary mental health team and a strong advocate for mental health issues more broadly in the community and across the organization. They are a proven leader in the field of community based mental health (counselling and case management), with demonstrated commitment to providing vision, leadership, and guidance in the operationalization of the strategic directions held by HHHS. With a strong emphasis on the delivery of high quality client-centred care across the continuum, the Clinical Manager will advocate and collaborate with community partners and health service providers locally and regionally. They are responsible for the quality of programming and are responsive to the needs of our community in an ever-changing health system; continually seeking best and promising practices focused on the provision of high-quality relevant mental health services – leading, guiding, and mentoring the team to this end. (Job # 2019-01)

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If you are interested in joining the HHHS team for any of the above positions, or would like more information on the opportunities, please visit www.hhhs.ca or contact:

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Derek Allison 'aka Newt'

(Resident of Eagle Lake, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital with his family by his side on Friday evening, January 4, 2019 at the young age of 48. Loving father of Jeannette Calbert (Lee Baylis), Ashley Welch (Jonathan Kinney) and his late son Tyler Welch. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Jacob, Lilli and Kali. Predeceased by his loving parents Jim & Barb Allison. Little brother to Dave, Doug (Sharon LeBlanc), Dan (Deborah McLean), Darlene (David Gervais) and Dale (Eldon Bull). Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews and his great niece. Never without a giggle, Derek's loving soul will be forever missed.

Private Celebration Of Life & Reception

As per Derek's wishes, the family will honour his life in a private celebration. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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In Loving Memory of

Stanley "Bruce" Sawyer

Haliburton lost one of its greatest ambassadors when "Bruce the Barber" passed away suddenly on Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton Alberta, At the age of 76.

Survived by soul mate of 52 years Joan Sawyer (nee Barry) of Haliburton, Ontario, father of Michael (Denyse), grandfather to Julia and Mark, all of Edmonton, Alberta, brother of Fay of Oshawa, special uncle to Bruce Barry (Michelle) of Lindsay. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Bruce loved Haliburton and its people, He was an ardent outdoors man throughout his life and was a founding member of Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association. He also loved his profession as a barber in many cases he has cut four generations of same family during his 51 years of barbering.

A Celebration of Bruce's Life will be held at Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 in Haliburton on Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 2:00 until 5:00 pm. Cremation has taken place

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of

Dwight Little

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Dwight Little, surrounded by his family on December 30, 2018 at the age of 66.

Dwight leaves behind his loving wife, Colleen, of 48 years; daughters Kelly Farnsworth (Jason) and Karen Crawford (Adam); grandsons Zachary, Wesley, Hunter, and Walker; sister-in-law Diane; nephews Kevin, Arthur and Mark and many friends. He was predeceased by his parents Mary and Roy; siblings Bev and Dean; brother-in-laws Harry Forbes and Larry Godfrey, parents-in-law Clifford and Bessie Godfrey. Dwight was born in Minden on April 30, 1952 where he grew up and lived until moving to Huntsville in 1988 until present.

A Celebration of Life will be planned at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Huntsville Memorial Hospital or the Algonquin Grace Hospice Huntsville would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of

Jean Farrell (nee Corbett)

Passed peacefully at the age of 93 on Thursday, December 20, 2018, at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home in Minden.

Beloved wife of the late Stanley Charles Farrell, dear mother of George Farrell, mother-in-law of Michelle St. Pierre, and loving grandmother of Brendan Kyle Farrell and Tyson Corbett Farrell.

Jean was an only child, born in Shropshire, England. At the age of 18 she joined the RAF's Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) where she served as a driver during World War Two. Her duties included delivering armaments to departing bomber and fighter planes, chauffeuring Air Force VIPs, and transporting fuel at night.

During the war Jean fell in love with Jerzy Mielnicki, a Polish fighter ace who was with the Royal Air Force's 316 Squadron. Jerzy died in an air accident in 1945, shortly before the birth of their son George. Jean and Jerzy never had time to marry and consequently Jean and her family were estranged for a number of years.

Jean led a bohemian life after the war, holding various jobs including an artist's model, and fashion model. It was very difficult for a single mother with a young child, and for a while George was sent to a Polish boarding school while Jean struggled on. It was not until the early 1950's when Jean met, and subsequently married, Stanley Charles Farrell, that her life improved.

Jean and her family eventually made amends, and in 1955 Jean, Stanley and George immigrated to Canada and settled in Don Mills Ontario. Jean soon found work in Toronto working at the College Street branch of Eaton's department store. After that, for a number of years, she worked as a manager of a weight-loss health spa.

Subsequently Jean worked as a beautician in various beauty salons. Then, in the early 1970's, she and Stanley moved to Gelert, in the Haliburton Highlands. Jean became an excellent spinner and weaver. She joined the Spinners and Weavers group and her mohair throws were much admired. She was present during the formation of the School of the Arts (now the Haliburton School of Art + Design), and was a member of the Rails End gallery, and the Agnes Jamieson gallery, where she became a volunteer. Jean exhibited her wares at both galleries, as well as the Ethel Curry gallery. She was also on the Haliburton County Studio Tour for many years.

In 2008 Jean and Stanley moved to a house on the Gull River in Minden, and in 2016, after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's/dementia Jean moved to the Highland Crest long-term care facility in Minden. A year later she was joined by Stanley. Jean was a lover of nature and all things beautiful, and to those who knew her she left a lasting impression as a strong-willed, dignified woman; steadfast in her beliefs, yet always willing to help those in need.

A private family graveside service will be held at the Gelert Cemetery in the spring.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Anglers help develop lake trout fishing regulations

by Jerry Grozelle

"We, as anglers, have the opportunity to control our own destiny."

Those were the words of Rick Amsbury at the lake trout public meeting in Minden Saturday.

Amsbury, who has been involved in the fishing industry for many years, had the last word at the meeting. After listening to presentations by Ministry of Natural Resources personnel and comments from the audience, Amsbury's observation countered apprehensions a few anglers expressed about some of the suggestions presented at the meeting.

The discussion near the end of the meeting centered around the proposal to institute a lake trout anglers' report card for Haliburton County, since the Ministry doesn't have the personnel to collect the detailed information necessary to make effective decisions regarding the management of the lake trout resources of the county.

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association President Larry Hewitt used the analogy of paddling a canoe across a lake. "If Dave (Flowers) and I were paddling alone, eventually we'd get to the other side. But if we all put our paddles in the water we'll get there a lot quicker," he said. "We just want to get the best information as quickly as possible."

Hewitt and Flowers acted as moderators of the meeting. Flowers is a fisheries extension biologist with the Minden MNR.

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POSTER PERFECT: Mike Arike, grade eight student at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden, displays his sled dog derby poster which was judged the most interesting among the hundreds drawn by the students. His creative design also was awarded a first place ribbon among the grade eight entries. The top posters from each grade level are on display in the front window of the Minden IDA Drug Store on Main Street. Businesses throughout Minden will also be displaying the posters drawn by the students. For a list of winners, see page two.

Minden prepares for a winter invasion

There appears to be little doubt Minden will undergo a major invasion this weekend. The invaders will include mushers from across North America, hundreds of dogs and thousands of spectators as the community hosts the Fifteenth Annual Techni-Cal Challenge Sled Dog Derby.

"Conditions have never been better," Race Governor Val Loughheed commented last week as she looked out the window of her Main Street office. Another flurry of snow was blowing through the area, dropping a few more inches of the white stuff on the area.

Nodding toward the swirling snow,

she said, "That is the key ingredient. Without enough snow this event just can't happen, no matter how much planning or work we put into preparing for it."

According to the derby spokesman, interest is high within the racing community. "We have been receiving a steady stream of entries and many phone and email inquiries. I think we will see a large contingent of top mushers



here on race weekend."

This will be the first year that the Loughheed family will not be participating in the race they helped to create 15 years ago. The pressures of work have forced Val, her husband Steve and their two teen age sons Jesse and Caleb to forego the race this year. "I know we will miss the racing, but it will also give us an opportunity to concentrate on the organizational effort," Loughheed concedes.

This is the fifteenth year for the derby which has grown over the years to become one of the most popular winter events in the Highlands. It also has become the largest limited class race in North America. "Events across the continent use the Minden race as the one to emulate," the Race Governor said. "It is an honour to be the biggest but it also means we have a standard to live up to."

Last year the International Sled Dog Racing Association, (ISDRA), named the Minden derby the best four and eight dog sprint races in North America. "The support of the commu-

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